

KNOW before you THROW

HOWARD COUNTY, MD



May News from Howard County Recycling

Memorial Day - Closures



In observance of Memorial Day, there will be **no curbside collections on Monday, May 29**. The Alpha Ridge Landfill and County offices will be **CLOSED** on Monday, May 29.

Curbside collections of recycling, yard trim, food scraps and trash will **SLIDE** and be made one day later that week.

Bulk item collection will slide with trash collection. Scrap metal collection will remain as scheduled and will not slide.

Please place all items out by 6am to ensure collection.

[Learn which holidays slide](#)

GreenFest Recap!

Thank you vendors and visitors for another successful GreenFest!



[GreenFest Recap](#)

Congratulations to our Green Award Winners!



At the 16th annual [GreenFest](#) event, we announced seven recipients of our "Business Recycling and Waste Reduction" and "Green Community Leadership" awards program. Check out the [press release](#) to read more about these dedicated community groups and businesses.

Is there a local group that you believe should be recognized for their sustainable efforts and programs? Keep an eye on our website for next year's nomination forms.

[Green Awards](#)

Know Before You Throw: E-cigarettes & Vapes



E-cigarettes and vapes are made up of many components including rechargeable batteries and liquid nicotine mixtures. These materials can pose a risk to the environment if they are not disposed of properly. They should NOT be thrown in the trash. These devices should be disassembled before being taken to our Household Hazardous Waste collection at Alpha Ridge Landfill.

Did you know? Rechargeable batteries, like lithium-ion are known to explode and cause fires when improperly disposed. In 2022, there were [390 reported waste and recycling facility fires](#) in the U.S. and Canada many likely due to lithium-ion batteries. When it comes to batteries, check out our [poster](#) for the best disposal instructions.

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Attend a Composting Demonstration

Learn the basics of composting and take home a **FREE** backyard bin



Feed your garden organically, recycle kitchen scraps and yard trim and improve your soil's health!

The Howard County Master Gardeners are here to help educate residents and answer any gardening questions. Attend a composting demonstration and get started making your own valuable soil amendment.

May Demonstrations

- Wednesday, May 3, 4:00pm - 6:00pm at Miller Branch Library

- Saturday, May 6, 9:00am - 11:00am at Alpha Ridge Landfill
- Saturday, May 6, 10:30am - 12:30pm at Miller Branch Library
- Sunday, May 7, 12:00pm - 4:00pm at [Robinson Nature Center's Native Plant Palooza](#)
- Monday, May 8, 6:00pm - 8:00pm at Miller Branch Library
- Saturday, May 13, 9:00am - 11:00am at Alpha Ridge Landfill
- Saturday, May 13, 10:30am - 12:30pm at Savage Branch Library
- Wednesday, May 17, 4:00pm - 6:00pm at Miller Branch Library
- Saturday, May 20, 10:30am - 12:30pm at Miller Branch Library
- Monday, May 22, 6:00pm - 8:00pm at Miller Branch Library
- Saturday, May 27, 9:00am - 11:00am at Alpha Ridge Landfill

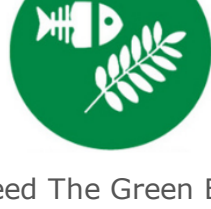
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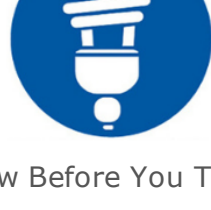
Alpha Ridge Landfill



Curbside Collections



Feed The Green Bin



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Bureau of Environmental Services
9801 Broken Land Parkway
Columbia, MD 21046
410-313-6444
Normal hours:
Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm

Alpha Ridge Landfill
2350 Marriottsville Rd
Marriottsville, MD 21104

Normal hours:
Monday - Saturday, 8am - 4pm

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